

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JOHN C. CARNEY, JR.**

OF DELAWARE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I wish to clarify my position on roll call vote 242 cast on May 25, 2016.

On Roll Call Vote Number 242, on agreeing to Mr. McNerney of California's Amendment, I voted "No." It was my intention to vote "Aye."

THE WORST CASUALTY OF WAR IS  
TO BE FORGOTTEN**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, we celebrate Memorial Day and across the nation Americans will gather to pay tribute to our soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who go overseas and do not return. They are from every state and territory. They are from farms, ranches and cities. They are of all races and both sexes. They are rich and poor, but generally they are young. They are patriots, defenders of freedom and volunteers to serve our great nation. We remember all of those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live freely.

It all started in 1868 when widows and girlfriends of soldiers killed in the War Between the States started putting flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers in Arlington Cemetery. And thus began what was initially called "Dedication Day," and now Memorial Day.

If we recall our history we must remember that during the War Between the States, there were 350,000 Confederates that were killed and 455,000 Union soldiers that were killed, and regardless of the politics, they were all Americans—America's youth. And thus began what we now call Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

Memorial Day is a special event for people in Texas because, around 125,000 Texans are serving our nation, today and every day. Texans have always been willing to volunteer to support our country, and that says a lot about our country.

In another war, the war to end all wars, 5,000 Texans gave their lives. Boys who grew up on farms in Texas suddenly became men as they found themselves in the muddy, rainy, and bloody trenches an ocean away.

Life in the trenches was hard. Men were constantly bombarded with artillery and machine gun fire. And they often faced the danger of going over the trenches and crossing no man's land, trying to repel the enemy forces attempting the same.

In the midst of battle and in the face of the enemy, some men displayed tremendous gallantry and were awarded medals for their actions. However, the greatest casualty of war is to be forgotten. More soldiers died during World War I than in Korea, Vietnam, both Iraq Wars and Afghanistan combined. It is only fit-

ting that they are honored in our nation's capital.

After the long process of passing the creation of the WWI memorial and creating and funding the WWI commission through Congress, it was signed into law. Now, we have finally arrived at a design for the National WWI memorial at Pershing Park. The "Weight of Sacrifice" was chosen by the WWI commission. Soon, veterans of the war to end all wars will be properly honored in our nation's capital.

This Memorial Day, we remember those who served and who did not make it back home. On Monday, I will be honoring our fallen heroes at the Houston National Cemetery, as Americans across the nation observe this day of remembrance. We remember their sacrifices and that of their families. To those who gave their all to serve our country, America is eternally grateful. We remember each and every one of them because the worst casualty of war is to be forgotten.

And that is just the way it is.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MR. BOSIE EDWARDS**HON. DANNY K. DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, Bosie Edwards was no ordinary man, he was multi-talented, seriously focused and good at practically everything that he did. I have known him for many years because he was always intimately connected and actively engaged in the community. He was an excellent social worker and was recognized as one of the top gang intervention and youth violence prevention specialists in the city. Of course that was only one aspect of his being. When it came to music he was top of the line, a maestro, a band leader, a choreographer, a smooth jazz, rhythm and blues music man, gentleman of leisure, and the top band in town. I have heard them many, many times and never got enough.

Finally Bosie has been a regular on cable television with his own very interesting show which has been watched religiously by thousands of individual on a regular basis.

Yes, Bosie Edwards made a great impact on the lives of those who knew and/or came into contact with him.

I extend condolences to his family, friends and all who knew and loved him.

## DOMINIQUE SARTIRANA

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Dominique Sartirana for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Dominique Sartirana is a 12th grader at Stanley Lake High School and received this award because her determination and hard

work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Dominique Sartirana is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Dominique Sartirana for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING CAROL SHIMIZU ON  
HER RETIREMENT**HON. ERIC SWALWELL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 26, 2016*

Mr. SWALWELL of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Carol Shimizu on the occasion of her retirement after 48 years of dedicated public service as an educator.

Carol's educational career began in 1968 as a preschool and kindergarten teacher in Germany. She moved to San Jose where she went on to become a high school English and childhood development teacher and later an administrator. Shimizu was hired as principal of Dublin High School (DHS) in 2004.

Under her stewardship, both the physical and academic environment at DHS has been transformed, and the school is now widely regarded as one of the top high schools in California. The rate of students heading to four-year colleges has risen dramatically, with graduates going on to the nation's most prestigious colleges, universities, and postsecondary programs.

DHS saw its Academic Performance Index (API) climb every year during her tenure, jumping from 793 to an all-time high of 880 in the last year the API was measured by the state. The number of honors and AP courses offered increased from 12 to 24, while both enrollment and scores for students taking AP, SAT, ACT, and PSAT rose dramatically, earning DHS AP Honor Roll status from the College Board.

Carol successfully initiated Academies and Pathways in Engineering, BioMedical, Culinary Arts, Visual and Performing Arts, and Digital Media. DHS also implemented a comprehensive College and Career Readiness program for all students, including the addition of the "Gael Period", Freshmen Seminar, and the Freshmen Mentoring Program.

In addition, under Carol's leadership DHS's facilities have been extensively modernized, remodeled, and rebuilt to support 21st century learning. The \$120 million of renovation and expansion overseen by Carol has successfully accommodated a campus population that has nearly doubled during her time as principal.

Carol has fostered lasting, productive partnerships in the community and has laid the groundwork for an ever-expanding offering of programs and opportunities for all DHS students. I wish to congratulate her on a long and distinguished career, and wish her health and happiness in retirement.